

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

1-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A liquid display device comprising:

first and second substrates with a liquid crystal layer therebetween;

a plurality of gate lines and a plurality of drain lines formed on the first substrate;

a counter electrode and a pixel electrode formed on the first substrate and arranged in each of a plurality of pixels each defined by one of the gate lines and one of the drain lines;

a black matrix formed on the second substrate;

wherein the gate line[[s]] and an edge of the black matrix are elongated parallel to an initial orientation direction defined by an initial orientation angle, the black matrix is at least formed over the gate line in plane view, and a spacer is arranged over ~~each~~ a part of the gate line[[s]] in plane view, and

the pixel electrode has a plurality of comb-tooth-shaped portions with spaces formed therebetween, and an angle formed between an elongated direction of the plurality of comb-tooth-shaped portions and the initial orientation direction is smaller than an angle formed between the elongated direction of the plurality of comb-tooth-shaped portions and the drain line.

20. (Previously Presented) A liquid display device according to claim 19, wherein the initial orientation angle is identical for both the first substrate and the second substrate.

21. (Previously Presented) A liquid display device according to claim 19, wherein the pixel electrode has a first direction and a second direction in each of the pixels, and the first direction and the second direction form different polarities to the initial orientation direction.

22. (Previously Presented) A liquid display device according to claim 21, wherein the first direction and the second direction are symmetrical to the initial orientation direction.

23. (Previously Presented) A liquid display device according to claim 22, wherein the liquid crystal layer has positive dielectric anisotropy.
24. (Previously Presented) A liquid display device according to claim 23, wherein both a first direction part and a second direction part of the pixel electrode are connected by a bar part arranged perpendicular to the initial orientation direction.
25. (Previously Presented) A liquid display device according to claim 24, wherein a third direction part of pixel electrode is arranged between the first direction part and the second direction part.
26. (Previously Presented) A liquid display device according to claim 24, wherein the initial orientation angle is identical for both the first substrate and the second substrate.